



# Convention & Visitors' Bureau and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful November 2012 Newsletter

## Calendar of Events

### International City Farmer's Market

Supports local growers and locally owned businesses. Come out and visit us every Thursday in Nov. from 3-7 p.m. Located on the corner of Maple St & Watson Blvd. For more information contact Jodi Daley at 478-225-7626.

### November 1,2,3,8,9 & 10

Warner Robins Little Theatre presents: "Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily." For more information call 478-929-4579 or visit [www.wrlt.org](http://www.wrlt.org).

### November 3

Tire Amnesty Day at Cemex Clinchfield Cement Operations from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Collecting used passenger tires at no charge. For more information contact Wendy at 478-988-2306.

### November 4

Cardiac Car Show—1st Annual Chip 'n Away @ Heart Disease will be hosted at the Houston Mall, 233 N. Houston Rd, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Georgia Transplant Foundation. For more information contact Red at 478-955-5615.

### November 5

Christ United Methodist Church—Veteran's Appreciation Blood Drive, Monday, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information contact George Ealer at 478-922-0211.

### November 17

Warner Robins Little Theatre will host a Masquerade Gala in honor of their 50th Anniversary. Hosted at the Galleria Conference Center from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information and tickets call Fred Hardin at 478-397-7352.

### November 17-25 2012

The "Planes and Trains" Exhibit will be hosted at the Museum of Aviation. For more information visit [www.mgmrc.org](http://www.mgmrc.org)

You are cordially invited to attend the  
Corder/Leverette Road Beautification Project

## *Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Ceremony*

Friday, November 16, 2012

10:00 a.m.



A beautification collaboration between the City of Warner Robins, Houston County Board of Commissioners and  
Keep Warner Robins Beautiful



## Planes & Trains coming to the Museum of Aviation

The Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club will kick off the 2012 holiday season with large miniature train displays set-up at the Museum during Thanksgiving week. Now in it's 5th year, the exhibit is open free to the public from Saturday, November 17 to Sunday November 25; **except for Thanksgiving Day when the museum will be closed.** The club will have displays in two Museum locations, the Eagle Building and Century of Flight. Club members will be on hand to answer questions about model trains and the hobby of model railroading. For more information visit [www.mgmrc.org](http://www.mgmrc.org) or email [mgmrc@cox.net](mailto:mgmrc@cox.net).



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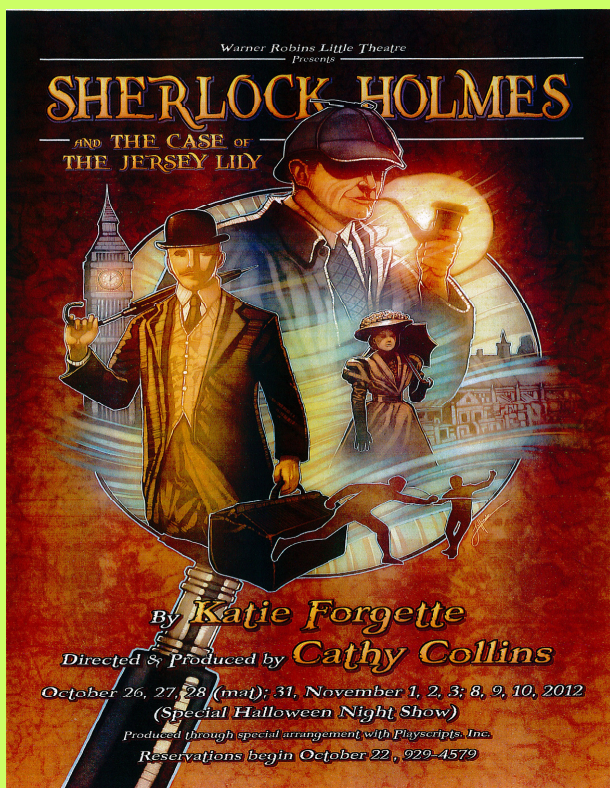
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Warner Robins Little Theatre  
50 Anniversary Celebration  
Since 1962

*Masquerade Gala*  
November 17, 2012  
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
Galleria Conference Center  
Masquerade or Evening Semi-Formal  
\$35 per person - \$40 per person after November 2nd  
No tickets sold after November 12th  
*Dinner, Dancing, Memories of WRLT*  
Call Fred Hardin at 478-397-7352

## It's time to Fall back!!!



Just a friendly reminder to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 4, 2012!

Also, now is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Enjoy the rest of the beautiful season!!

## Important Dates to remember this month!!!



**November 6th**

Election Day

**November 11th**

Veterans Day

In honor of those who have served  
and for those serving NOW...

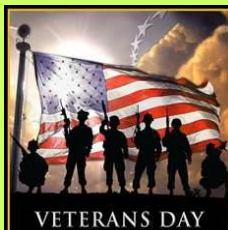
Thank You!

**November 22nd**

Thanksgiving Day

Hope your Thanksgiving is filled  
with peace, love and great joy.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



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## Beautification Project Approaches the Finish Line!



Travelers on the newly widened, newly sidewalked, and newly striped Corder Road in Warner Robins, can't help but notice another new addition. With the help of the Houston County Board of Commissioners, a vision of Mayor Shaheen's is quickly becoming a reality.

Nearly completed is the  $\frac{3}{4}$  triangular acre located at Leverette Road. This irrigated beautification project includes a focal point featuring the American flag, a bricked decorative bed at the triangle's apex, two additional beds at each point, crape myrtle trees lining both Corder and Leverette Roads, and hardwood trees zigzagged throughout the project. Recognizing the value of beautification, the City of Warner Robins graciously offered to provide associated maintenance fees in perpetuity. As lovely as the project is currently, as shrubs and trees reach maturity - it will certainly become a sight to behold.

Finally, without the tireless commitment and continued efforts of KWRB Chairman and Rotarian Jack Steed, the project would not have been possible. According to Mr. Steed, *"We of the Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Commission" are truly proud of this project, it will certainly add to the beauty of Warner Robins.*

*We are also grateful for the support of our City and County officials."*



## Outdoor Classroom at the Belaire entrance of Wellston Trail



Please stop by and check out the  
Completed Outdoor Classroom  
by  
Eagle Scout Sean Perryman!



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ARMED FORCES BOULEVARD

The historic brick train depot now known as E.L. Greenway Welcome Center was placed on the list of National Historic Places in January, 2008. Thanks to a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant, the goal is to have the Elberta Depot a few doors down from the welcome center open its doors for a peak in January, 2013. The TE Grant funds will restore the 1918 structure that was originally located at the corner of Elberta Road and GA Highway 247 to be used as a heritage museum for the city.

Considering that construction of the railroad through Houston County dates back to September 28, 1881 with the formation of the Georgia Southern Railroad Company, Elberta Depot is a significant local landmark and has a proud history of serving the residents of the area. Back in its day in its original location, the depot was used as a whistle stop for transporting produce, mostly peaches, for which Houston County was so well known. Amazingly it was used as a warehouse for many years after the train didn't stop any more, and was later moved by Mr. Ted Pulsifer to what used to be the Houston County Fairgrounds on the north end of the city. He restored the building to be used as an activity center until the closing of the Fairgrounds property in the early 2000s. From there the building journeyed – serendipitously chronicled by the Discovery Channel on their program 'Moving Mega Structures' – to its current location.



Interestingly enough, the E.L. Greenway Welcome Center described as the “New Robins Depot” in the Macon Telegraph – now known as The Telegraph - opened its doors for business February 1, 1944. The depot was described as housing ticket and freight offices for the Southern Railway and was built by the Elliott Building Company from Hickory, North Carolina at a cost of \$20,000. Just as noteworthy is that the new depot replaced an old wooden building which was donated to the Warner Robins Presbyterian Church. The structure was used as the sanctuary of the church. Local archives document the one-man depot move tying up Watson Boulevard traffic for two weeks. The photo accompanying the description of the move in the book *A Land So Dedicated* by local historian Bobbie Nelson is of the building, a truck, the man and a mule.

All these years later into a new century, both buildings are vital to the history of Warner Robins, a community of only 50 or so people that grew into the home of the largest industrial complex in the state of Georgia. The E.L. Greenway Welcome Center now serves as the home the Warner Robins Convention & Visitors' Bureau hosting countless visitors, meetings, conferences and sports events annually; and the Keep Warner Robins Beautiful office which is responsible for beautification projects throughout the city. The Elberta Depot will be rehabilitated so that all the properties across from the Law Enforcement Center – the Welcome Center, the 1971 Southern X556 caboose, Mildred's Country Store filled with local memorabilia, and the Elberta Depot – will trace the mutual histories of the town of Wellston becoming the City of Warner Robins, the development of Robins Air Force Base and the vital role the railroad played in both. Students will be able to visit the depot museums, and travelers to the area can visit the site to learn more about Warner Robins history and its connection to surface transportation. The development of this project has happened thanks to city stewardship as part of a community plan to develop heritage tourism.

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